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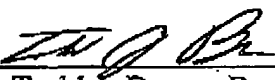
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Applicant: Ulrich DELIUS
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR
RECONSIDERATION**

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Sir:

Prior to examination, applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendment and reconsideration of the outstanding rejections.

IN THE CLAIMS:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(1), please substitute for original claim 1, the following rewritten version of the same claim, as amended. The changes are shown explicitly in the attached "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made."

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1. (Thrice Amended) A biaxially stretched and thermoset, tubular, seamless, single-layer or a biaxially stretched and thermoset, tubular, seamless, multiple-layer